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SUBJ: SAG ISSUES PASSPORT TO BANNED INDIAN LEADER

- 1. FATIMA MEER, ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN BANNED INDIAN LEADERS IN S.A., HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE SAG THAT SHE WILL BE GRANTED A PASSPORT TO ENABLE HER TO TRAVEL TO UPPSALA, SWEDEN FOR THE NINTH WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGISTS AUGUST 14-19. THE PASSPORT, VALID FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS, AND LIMITED TO SWEDEN AND THE UK WILL ALSO PERMIT HER TO TRAVEL TO LONDON WHERE SHE CONTENEDED SHE REQUIRES EYE TREATMENT. FYI SEVERAL MEMBERS OF MRS. MEER'S FAMILY WHO FLED SA ARE IN LONDON AND REPORTEDLY INVOLVED WITH ANC ACTIVITIES THERE, A FACT UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWN TO THE SAG.
- 2. MEER FAMILY BELIEVE INTERVENTION FROM SWEDISH GOVERN-MENT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. ISSUANCE HAS SURPRISED MANY INDIANS, INCLUDING SOME RADICALS, WHO CANNOT UNDERSTAND SAG MOTIVATION IN PERMITTING AS OUTSPOKEN AND ARTICULATE A CRITIC TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND ADDRESS A FOREIGN FORUM.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: AS A BANNED PERSON HER STATEMENTS CANNOT BE REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LONDON AND STOCKHOLM FORWARDING TO US ANY NEWSWORTHY REMARKS SHE MAY MAKE. FARBER

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